# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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INDUSTRIAL GROWTH IN KERALA
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the industrial growth of the State of Kerala is decreasing annually;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) to (c): The growth rates of industrial sector in terms of Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) originating in manufacturing, mining & quarrying, electricity, gas & water supply, and construction sector in the State of Kerala for the last few years are as under:

| Year | Growth Rate (in %) |
|---|---|
| 2001-02 | (-)0.9 |
| 2002-03 | 8.9 |
| 2003-04 | 12.7 |
| 2004-05 | 8.3 |

In a market-driven economy, industrial growth, inter-alia, is influenced by the market forces. Significant among the other factors are inadequate availability of land in Kerala at reasonable prices compared to the neighbouring states and the perception about labour situation.

Industrial Development is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Government. The Central Government supports their efforts by providing support/incentive under its various schemes. The Central Government's main development schemes in Kerala include Herbal Drugs Cluster and Coir Cluster approved under the Industrial Infrastructure Upgradation Scheme (IIUS); Apparel Parks for Export Scheme (APES); Textiles Centre Infrastructure Development Scheme (TCIDS); Growth Centre Scheme (GCS) etc. Besides, Rubber Board, Spices Board, Cashew Export Promotion Council which are located in Kerala look after the promotion of concerned industries. There is also an Export Processing Zone /Special Economic Zone at Cochin.